
POLICY

Delinquent youth under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) must be provided such care, guidance and control, preferably in his or her own home, as will be conducive to the child's welfare and the best interest of the State.

PURPOSE

To provide safe and proper care that is appropriate to the youth's individual needs while taking into account community safety.

AUTHORITY

Probate Code, 1939 PA 288, as amended, MCL 712A.1 et seq.

TREATMENT MODEL

The department's program directs delinquent youth through a continuum of treatment models and services. The treatment model seeks to provide youth and families with the knowledge and skills needed to reduce delinquency behaviors. The model also promotes appropriate attitudes and strengthens the youth's capacity for self-sufficiency enabling them to function responsibly in their home communities. Service delivery strategies seek to build upon client strengths fostering an attitude of mutual respect and responsibility.

SERVICES

In an effort to achieve this purpose, the department operates the Juvenile Justice Program. For adjudicated delinquent youth, the department offers in-home and out of home services, which includes case planning and management services. These services and programs are provided by the collaborative efforts of:

- Local county staff.
- The department operated residential services programs, and
- Private non-profit child caring agencies.

In-Home Services

In-home services provided to maintain placement in the youth's family home may include:

- Individual and family counseling.
- Employment/educational.
- Wraparound.

**Out-of-Home
Placement**

- Family preservation.
- Re-integration services.

Out-of-home placement programs may include:

- Family foster homes.
- Community justice centers.
- Private and public residential.

Out-of-home placement and services are provided based on the committing/referring offense, risk level and individual treatment needs of the youth.

The department recognizes that youth who engage in delinquent activities may present a threat to the public. Therefore, safe placement and family reunification goals must always be balanced against the need for community safety and based upon careful evaluation of the youth's progress in treatment.

**PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY**

- State Wards, Youth Rehabilitation Services Act, 1974 PA 150, as amended, MCL 803.301 et seq.
- Dual State Wards, Youth Rehabilitation Services Act, 1974 PA 150, as amended, MCL 803.301 et seq. and Michigan Children's Institute 1935 PA 220, as amended, MCL 402.201 et seq.
- Delinquent Juvenile Court Wards, Social Welfare Act 1939 PA 288, as amended, MCL 400.1 et seq.
- Youth under circuit court jurisdiction assigned to DHS for pre-sentence investigations (PSI), Juvenile Facilities Act 1988 PA 73, as amended, MCL 803.221 et seq.
- Out-of-Town Inquiry (OTI) youth referred through Interstate Compact for Juveniles, 2003 PA 56, MCL 3.691 et seq.